

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

May 5, 2009

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in study session at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 5th day of May, 2009, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers Butler, Cubberley,
Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn,
Thompson, Mayor Rosenthal

ABSENT:

None

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FYE 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET.

Ms. Linda Price, Revitalization Manager, provided an overview of the Capital Improvements Plan and said it represents a multi-year scheduling of public infrastructure improvements and acts as a public information document to advise citizens how the City plans to address significant capital needs in the community. The Capital Budget is comprised of 14 separate funds and the sources of those funds include Capital Sales Tax-15.7%; Excise Tax-3.4%; Capital Improvement Charge-3.6%; Sewer Maintenance Rate-4.8%; Bonds/Other-34.1%; user fees-0.3%; and carryover from the previous year-38%. She said the sources of all new revenue available for capital projects in all funds totals \$58,231,644 and expenditures for all funds totals \$55,637,729. She said the expenditures included in Fund 50 (Capital Sales Tax) totals \$23,419,422 - further broken down as follows: Capital Outlay-\$2,721,748; Street Maintenance-\$2,104,000; Maintenance of Existing Facilities-\$570,863; Other Capital Projects-\$4,534,506; Transfers-\$1,039,413; and Bond Projects-\$12,448,892.

Ms. Price provided a status of the 2005 Bond Projects as follows:

Proposition No. 1

- Duffy Street Railroad Crossing and Realignment – complete
- Robinson Street Grade Separation Project – Environmental Assessment complete; final design underway; land acquisition almost complete (last two parcels in condemnation); and bid letting in January 2010.

Proposition No. 2

- Main & 36th Avenue N.W. Sign and Intersection Improvements – complete
- 24th Avenue S.E. Widening Project: Imhoff to Lindsey – complete
- Lindsey Street Widening: Oakhurst to 24th Avenue S.E. – complete
- Main Street Widening: Carter to 12th Avenue N.E. – expected to be complete June 2009
- Lindsey Street Widening: Jenkins to Classen – design 60% complete; Environmental Assessment underway; bid letting in September 2010; and construction to begin January 2011
- Rock Creek Road Widening: Porter to Queenston – design 90% complete; right-of-way acquisition almost complete; utility relocation underway; bid letting in September 2009; and construction to begin January 2011
- Jenkins and Imhoff Signalization Project - complete

Proposition No. 3

Rural Road Improvements

- Post Oak Road: 108th Avenue S.E. to 132nd Avenue S.E. – complete
- 132nd Avenue S.E.: Post Oak Road to Cedar Lane – complete
- Tecumseh Road: 156th Avenue N.E. to 168th Avenue N.E. - complete

Proposition No. 3, continued

Urban Asphalt Pavement Reconstruction

- 83 project locations through 2009 with 24 complete; two underway; one scheduled for this summer; and 56 scheduled for Fall 2009

Urban Concrete Pavement Reconstruction

- 36 project locations through 2009 with nine complete; four underway; three scheduled for this summer; and 20 scheduled for Fall 2009

Proposition No. 4

Fire Station No. 3 Relocation Project - complete

Ms. Price highlighted both state and local projects currently underway that will have a high impact to the motoring community. They are as follows:

- Rock Creek Widening Project: Porter to Queenston
- Rock Creek Road Overpass Project
- Robinson Street Grade Separation Project
- Interstate 35 Reconstruction: Main Street to Indian Hills Road
- Campus Corner Improvements Project – reconstruction of White Street including sidewalks and drainage on Asp Avenue
- Stimulus Overlay Projects
- Parks Master Plan

She said residential area projects include street overlay and reconstruction; sidewalks; accessibility modifications; traffic calming; new neighborhood park development; and playground equipment upgrades in neighborhood parks. The new projects included in the FYE 2010 Capital Budget are the Highway 9 Multimodal Path; Digital Aerial Photography and Mapping; Truman Elementary School Zone; and Tecumseh Road and Journey Parkway Signalization. Another change to the FYE 2010 Capital Budget includes increasing the maintenance of existing facilities from 3% to 5% help to address deferred maintenance of City facilities. Some of the projects included are replacement of the Library roof and improvements at Sooner Theatre and Norman Depot.

Ms. Price said grant applications, which have been submitted but are pending approval include: Safe Routes to Schools Program; Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Enhancement Projects - Highway 9 Multimodal Path and Downtown Streetscape Improvements; Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Improvements at bus stops and sidewalks; and five stimulus energy grant applications submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Facility, Replacement of Aeration Blower Motors and North Digester Boilers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and building improvements at the Library and Buildings B and C of the Municipal Complex as well as lighting replacement in 23 City facilities.

Councilmember Thompson said he would like the Finance Committee to discuss ways to use any savings of funds budgeted as the result of approved stimulus funding. Councilmember Cubberley said Staff is currently working on a facilities assessment of deferred maintenance for the Finance Committee to review in September and felt maintenance of existing facilities should take place prior to adding new facilities/projects. Councilmember Kovach reminded Council of the recent study for the renovation of the Animal Welfare Facility. Mayor Rosenthal said there will be other opportunities for stimulus grants and Staff is working diligently to apply for all eligible grants.

Councilmember Kovach asked if remediation of speed humps constructed as part of the Traffic Calming Program was included in the budget and Mr. Lewis said \$200,000 is budgeted in FYE 2010 for the entire program. He said Staff is currently evaluating the speed humps to determine which ones need to be remediated.

The annual bid will be let in May to include costs to retrofit the existing speed tables. The results of the evaluation will be presented to Council in June prior to consideration of the contract. Mr. Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works, said the cost to retrofit each speed hump is approximately \$1,000. Councilmember Thompson said retrofitting the existing speed humps is important to the overall review of the Traffic Calming Program to provide responsiveness to the community.

Some of the major projects underway include ODOT improvements on Interstate 35 and Highway 9, implementation of the Storm Water Master Plan and Greenbelt Trails Master Plan, and the Interstate 35 Frontage Road Study. Ms. Price said in connection with the Rock Creek Road Widening Project, Rock Creek Road between Sequoyah and Wildwood will be closed for two to three months in the Spring 2010 and Campus Corner improvements will require the closure of White Street on May 18th for several weeks.

Councilmember Dillingham asked when the Frontage Road Study would be complete and Mr. O'Leary said it should be ready soon, but the overall decision will be a joint decision between ODOT and the City of Norman and will come down to cost, the economic impact study, and engineering.

Mayor Rosenthal said additional public meetings will take place prior conclusion of the public comment period. Councilmember Thompson said the presentation from Mr. O'Leary at the joint Wards One and Two meeting was very good and not too technical and suggested the same presentation be used for the additional public meetings.

Items submitted for the record

1. The City of Norman, FYE 2010 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and FYE 2011-2014 Capital Improvements Plan
2. PowerPoint presentation entitled, *"FYE 2010 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and FYE 2011-2014 Capital Improvements Plan"*

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor